उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०जे कुरियन) : (क) से (ग) 6 अगस्त, 1991 को घोषित लघु, अति लघु तथा ग्राम्य उद्यमों को बढ़ावा देने एवं सुदृढ़ करने के वास्ते नीति संबंधी उपायों के अनुसरण में ग्रामीण तथा पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में लघु उद्योगों हेतु समेकित अवसंरचनात्मक विकास (प्रौद्योगिकीय सहायता सेवाओं सहित) की एक योजना का प्रारूप तैयार किया गया है और इसे आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1992–97) प्रस्तावों में शामिल किया गया है । योजना के इस प्रारूप को, केन्द्र के संबंधित प्राधिकरणों तथा राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों की सरकारों से परामर्श करके अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है ।

Manufacturing of Fuel efficient cars

1267. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to economise on petrol. Government have had under consideration any proposal for manufacture of fuel efficient cars; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal considered and the details of the proposals approved by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) Government has been encouraging manufacturing of fuel efficient cars by giving them various incentives.

Delay in payment by Andrew Yule and Co. Ltd, Calcutta

1268. Dr. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Andrew Yule and Co. Ltd. Calcutta has defaulted on payments due to private contractors;

(b) if so, the names of the effected private contractors whose bills have not be in settled for payment for more than six months and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Equipment and Allied Engineer ing Corporation has an outstanding amount of over Rs. 30 lacs; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delaying setting the bills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Bills of private contrators pending for more than six months could not be settled by Andrew Yule & Company Limited due to reasons like amount being disputed by contractor, difficult ways and means position in view of nonpayment by customers of Andrew Yule & Company Limited non fulfilment of contractual obligations by the contractors etc. The names of affected private contrators are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (d) the amount payable to M/s. equipment & Allied Engineering Corporation according to Andrew Yule & Company Limited is only Rs. 1-29 lakhs and not Rs. 30 Lakhs. The amount has not been collected by the contractor by giving the receipt for the amount as full and final settlement.